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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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RE: Allowable *Ex Parte* Briefing for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated
Regarding the Cost of Gas on Natural Gas Prices and Electricity Prices and Its
Impact on Customers
ND- 2021-40-EG

Dear Ms. Boyd,

Pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260 (2015) and as Executive Director Nanette S. Edwards' designee, I am attaching copies of the certification statements and the sign-in sheets from the December 7, 2021, Allowable *Ex Parte* Communication Briefing held by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("PNG") related to the cost of gas on natural gas prices and electricity prices and its impact on customers. I have not enclosed a signed certification statement for Evan Lawrence. Although Mr. Lawrence registered for and attended the meeting virtually, he has not provided a signed certification statement and has failed to return electronic emails to him from the Commission Staff requesting that he do so.

Please find enclosed a copy of the transcript of the briefing and accompanying presentation materials. Any written materials utilized or referenced at the briefing by any of the attendees or Commissioners are provided by those who utilized or referenced them and are included as follows:

Documents Attached:

- 1) Presentation Slides;
- 2) Customer email sent the week of Nov.1;
- 3) Equal Payment Plan focused email to help enroll all eligible customers.

Links to items referenced:

- 1) Rate Stabilization Act (RSA)
 - a. <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t58c005.php>
- 2) Gas Cost Recovery Mechanism (GCRM)
 - a. https://desitecoreprod-cd.azureedge.net/_media/pdfs/png/sc-tariffandserviceregulations.pdf?la=en&rev=e83c78d29b97486298f8220c9a06d847
- 3) 2002: Piedmont's last general rate case
 - a. <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Order/53b02c27-e659-f488-8fda8d7cd5368265>
- 4) 2019 RSA Settlement Agreement in Docket No. 2019-7-G
 - a. <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117598>
- 5) Approved Hedging Plan:
 - a. Original Order
 - i. <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Order/36ff9e5e-0d4c-112b-60cc9b722662dc62>
 - b. Modification Order - 2005
 - i. <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Order/5295a764-eebf-0b6e-9a61a023d0604d96>
 - c. Modification Order - 2008
 - i. <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Order/6ac6b039-0be5-3a73-d9d7e443443ea97e>
 - d. Modification Order - 2009
 - i. <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Order/6d6d2644-b09b-827e-d9f855250b8be00e>
- 6) Equal Payment Plan application
 - a. <https://www.piedmontng.com/home/billing-and-payment/equal-payment-plan>
- 7) DEC 2021 Fuel Proceeding (Bruce Barkley mentioned DEC)
 - a. Sykes Supplemental Direct Testimony
 - i. <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Matter/9bd35886-c957-4948-8734-8b6c48ef74f9>
 - b. Phipps Supplemental Direct Testimony
 - i. <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Matter/768ab879-01f4-4949-bfdc-9d2725dd38d8>

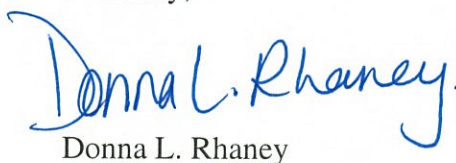
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With the documents provided by those who utilized or referenced them during the Allowable *Ex Parte* briefing and with the exception of the one certification statement referenced above and in footnote 1 below, this briefing is hereby certified as being in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260(C)(6)(ii). If website links and documents were not provided by those who utilized, referenced, or distributed them as required by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260(C)(6)(ii), this certification is null and void.

It is my understanding that the transcript of the briefing will be posted on your website, and this transcript is incorporated by reference in all certified statements.¹ The transcript is intended to satisfy the summary requirement of § 58-3-260(C)(6)(a)(ii).

As required by law, please post all documents relating to these briefings on your website. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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cc: All Parties of Record (via E-mail)
C. Jo Anne Wessinger Hill, Esquire (via E-mail)
David Butler, Esquire (via E-mail)

¹ The Commission submitted an amended sign-in sheet and an omitted certification statement after forty-eight (48) hours of the briefing. See 58-3-260(6)(a)(ii). Also see 5_Boyd-PSC 2021-12-10 Transmittal and Omitted Certification Statement and 5a_Amended Sign-In Sheet Page.